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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 607

By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Dwayne Baldwin for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Baldwin is one such estimable person who, as a distinguished member of the Paris/Henry County Jaycees, has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Henry County, Dwayne is a pillar of the greater Paris community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baldwin became a member of the Paris/Henry County Jaycees at age 18 and since then has remained an integral part of this noteworthy organization; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, he rendered admirable service as President of the Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, at age 22, Dwayne became the youngest General Manager of the annual World's Biggest Fish Fry, a distinction he still holds today; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, Mr. Baldwin has continued to lend his exceptional organizational skills to the Fish Fry at what is called the "mixing point" of the parade, organizing all of the cars, floats, and bands; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his dedication to the World's Biggest Fish Fry and the Paris/Henry County Jaycees, the Paris/Henry County Jaycees are dedicating the 47th annual World's Biggest Fish Fry Souvenir Booklet to Dwayne Baldwin; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual whose benevolent nature knows no bounds, Mr. Baldwin also serves with acumen as a trustee for the Paris Elks Lodge; and

WHEREAS, a culinary artiste who has mastered the delicate art of cooking for large numbers, Dwayne Baldwin can be found cooking the best steaks, pork chops, chickens, and boiled shrimp at fund-raisers throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Baldwin's contributions as a public servant and civic leader are directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Dwayne Baldwin for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, congratulate him on the dedication of this year's World's Biggest Fish Fry Souvenir Booklet in his honor by the Paris/Henry County Jaycees, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with generosity and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.